

ported, before the said Treasurer or either of his Deputies, to wit,

" I do swear that the articles exported on board the _____ whereof I am Master, have been really and bona fide shipped and put on board of the American Vessel _____ whereof _____ was Master, and that the same or any part thereof are not again to be landed in any part of this Province, to the best of my knowledge and belief. So help me God."

Evidence required of exportation in any other vessel.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That the evidence of such exportation of dutiable articles as aforesaid, when exported in any Vessel or Barque to the American Lines as aforesaid, other than the Vessel in which they were imported into this Province, shall in addition to the oath of the Importer and Master as required in and by the thirteenth section of the herein-before recited Act, be the oath of the Master herein-before recited.

Owner or importer of dutiable articles to produce certificates under the seal of an officer of the Customs of the landing of exported articles.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases where dutiable articles shall have been exported from and out of this Province to the American Lines and there shipped and put on board of an American Vessel, it shall be incumbent on the owner or importer of such dutiable articles to produce to the Treasurer or to the Deputy, to whom the duties shall have been secured, a certificate under the hand and seal of the Collector or Principal officer of the Customs at the port or place in the United States to which the same shall be exported, that the same articles have been there landed; and it shall be further incumbent on the owner or importer upon producing such certificate, to make and subscribe the following oath before the Treasurer or one of his Deputies, to wit,

And make oath.

" I do swear that the articles by me exported on board the Ship or Vessel called _____ whereof _____ was Master, (a certificate of the landing of which is now exhibited by me) were shipped on board of the American Vessel _____ whereof _____ was Master, at _____ and have been really and bona fide landed at _____ and that the same or any part thereof are not again to be landed in any part of this Province, to the best of my knowledge and belief. So help me God."

Limitation.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be and continue in force for one year, and thence until the end of the next Session of the General Assembly.

CAP. IX.

An Act for appointing Firewards in the Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews, and ascertaining their power and duty, and more effectually to prevent Fires in the said Towns.

Passed the 22d of March, 1817.

I. **B**E it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That the Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, is hereby authorised and empowered, with the advice of _____ of _____

Governor with the advice of the Council, to appoint Firewards,

of His Majesty's Council, from time to time, by warrant under his hand and seal, to appoint a sufficient number of prudent and discreet persons, not exceeding eight in the several parts of the Towns (commonly called the Town Plats) of Fredericton and Saint Andrews respectively, and their respective vicinities to be Firewards, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty respectively, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Counties of York and Charlotte, and certificates thereof indorsed on the several warrants of appointment, for which warrants, oaths and certificates, no fees shall be demanded or received from the persons so appointed and sworn.

Who shall be sworn before a Justice of the Peace, and a certificate endorsed on the warrants of appointment without fee.

Firewards on duty to carry a Staff and Speaking-trumpet.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That in order that the said Firewards may be distinguished from others, when on duty at a Fire, and to enable them to communicate their directions with more facility, they shall each carry a Staff seven feet in length, coloured red, and also a Speaking Trumpet, painted white, with the names of their respective Towns painted on it in black letters.

In case of Fire, the Firewards jointly or separately to command assistance for extinguishing Fires and removing Goods, &c.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever any Fire shall break out in the said Towns of Fredericton or Saint Andrews or in their respective vicinities, and during the continuance thereof, the said Firewards respectively, for and in their respective Towns, are hereby authorised and required jointly or separately to command assistance for extinguishing the fire and removing household stuff, furniture, books, public stores, goods and merchandise out of any houses, store-houses and other buildings actually on fire, or in danger thereof, and to appoint persons to take care of the same, and also to require assistance to prevent the further spreading of the fire in their respective Towns, and to prevent tumults and disorders in the same; and the said Firewards respectively, are hereby required upon the notice of fire breaking forth in their respective Towns (taking their badges and trumpets with them) immediately to repair to the place and vigorously to exert their authority in requiring assistance, and to use their utmost endeavors to extinguish the fire and prevent its spreading, and to preserve and secure property and effects both public and private; and due obedience is hereby required to be yielded to them and each and every of them accordingly for that service, as well by the person or persons having the charge and management of any Engine or Engines in the said respective Towns, as all other persons whomsoever.

to appoint Persons to take care of Goods,

And to require assistance to prevent the spreading of the Fire and to prevent tumults,

Firewards upon notice of Fire to repair with their Badges to the place and exert their authority,

Due obedience to be yielded to the Firewards, by Persons having charge of fire engines.

Persons disobeying orders of the Firewards to forfeit £3, to be recovered before a Justice of the Peace, on the oath of a Fireward or other credible witness and levied by distress and sale,

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That for every refusal or neglect in any person to obey the order of any Fireward, in performing any of the duties and services herein-before mentioned, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of *three pounds*, to be recovered upon conviction before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Counties of York and Charlotte respectively, on the oath of a Fireward or any other credible witness, and levied by distress and sale of the offenders goods and chattels, and for want of sufficient distress, such offender shall suffer twelve days imprisonment unless the penalty and costs shall be sooner paid, which penalty when recovered, shall be paid into the hands of the over-

For want of distress, offender to suffer twelve days imprisonment,

seers

seers of the Poor of the Parishes of Fredericton and Saint Andrews respectively towards the support thereof.

Penalty to the use of the Poor.

V. *And whereas* it is necessary that prompt and implicit obedience should at all times, during the raging of a fire, be paid to the directions of the Firewards: *Be it further enacted*, That the said Firewards respectively or any or either of them shall have power, and they and every of them are hereby authorised, when such necessity shall exist, to require and compel the persons present at any fire to fall in and form the lines or ranks for the conveyance of water for extinguishing the fire, and to remain in such ranks as long as may be deemed necessary.

Firewards may compel Persons present at a Fire to form lines for conveyance of water

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That the Firewards in the several and respective Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews or the major part of them, are hereby authorised and empowered from time to time and at all seasonable times, in the day time, to enter into any house, shop or other building within the limits of the said respective Towns and their vicinities, and to examine and inspect the manner in which any stove or stove-pipes are set up, placed, fixed or carried, or any hearths constructed; and if such stove and stove-pipes or such hearths shall be found to be in the opinion and judgment of the said Firewards or the major part of them present at such inspection, so set up, placed, fixed or carried or constructed as to be dangerous, such Firewards are hereby authorised and empowered to give directions in writing to prevent the continuance of fire in any such stove or any other such hearth, until the same shall have undergone such alteration as shall be pointed out in writing by the same Firewards; and any person or persons who shall disobey any such direction of the said Firewards, shall for each offence forfeit and pay the sum of *five pounds*, to be recovered and applied in manner as aforesaid.

Firewards may at seasonable times, in the day time, enter any House and examine Stoves and Hearths, and if such Stoves and Hearths are so fixed and constructed as in the opinion of the Firewards to be dangerous, they may by written order, forbid the continuance of fire therein until such alterations as they shall by writing direct be made,

Persons disobeying directions of Firewards to forfeit £5. to be recovered and applied as before.

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force for two years and no longer.

Limitation.

CAP. X.

An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act for the establishment, regulation and improvement of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province."

Passed the 22d of March, 1817.

WHEREAS in and by the first section of an Act made and passed in the fifty-sixth year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the establishment, regulation and improvement of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province;" the Road leading from Fredericton to Westmorland, is established by the following line or route, that is to say, from Fredericton to Worden's, by the line or route as established by the said Act, for the Road leading from Fredericton to Saint John, thence to the head of Bellisle, thence to the Finger-board at Knox's Farm, thence through

Preamble.